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HB 5537

We are seeking to add our expansion language to the following bill: *House Bill 5537, An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Revisions to the Public Health Statutes.*

The Connecticut Naturopathic Physicians Association (CNPA) is going to testify this Friday, March 14th to the Legislature about updating, modernizing, and expanding the Naturopathic Scope of Practice. **WE NEED YOU TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS.** Our scope expansion includes three elements: 1) Prescriptive authority for a defined list of drugs; 2) Authority to write orders for medical devices and durable medical equipment; and 3) Ability to perform minor procedures in-office.

These changes are necessary for the people of Connecticut in order to:

- improve healthcare access
- improve healthcare continuity
- improve coordination of care
- meeting primary care needs
- enhanced education and training
- consistency with ND scope across states
- cost and time savings to patients and 3rd party payers